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BRUSSELS FOR USEEC, PARIS FOR USOECD

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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS: NOTIFICATION OF U.S. MILITARY
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REFS: A. USNATO 7720, DTG 181636Z AUG 78
B. USNATO 7464, DTG 071632Z AUG 78
C. STATE 197736, DTG 042228Z AUG 78
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E. USNATO 7773, DTG 221609Z AUG 78
1. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO DELIVER TO CSCE

SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING
MANEUVERS AS INDICATED:

"BLAUE DONAU": NOTIFY ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

"CERTAIN SHIELD": NOTIFY ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, AUGUST 28

"SAXON DRIVE": NOTIFY ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, AUGUST 28.

TEXTS OF NOTIFICATION FOLLOW. HELSINKI FINAL ACT CALLS
FOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS AT LEAST
21 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE MANEUVER.

2. EMBASSY PARIS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFICATION TO
MONACO; ROME TO THE VATICAN; FLORENCE TO SAN MARINO;
AND ZURICH TO LIECHTENSTEIN. NATO ALLIES HAVE AGREED
TO ACCEPT ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS ON CBMS
AS PRIOR NOTIFICATION.

3. POSTS NEED REPORT ONLY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS BY
CSCE SIGNATORIES.

4. BEGIN TEXTS OF NOTIFICATIONS.

(A) (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROVISIONS FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY
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MANEUVERS SET OUT IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE
ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, HAS THE
HONOR TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT OF OF THE
MULTINATIONAL MANEUVER CERTAIN SHIELD TO TAKE PLACE
FROM SEPTEMBER 18-28 ON THE TERRITORY OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. PARTICIPATING WILL BE FORCES OF THE
UNITED STATES, BELGIUM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY, LUXEMBOURG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE
MANEUVER IS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AUTUMN FORGE
SERIES OF NATIONAL AND MULTINATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND
COMMAND POST EXERCISES BEING CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS
OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION. CERTAIN
SHIELD WILL INCLUDE U.S. TROOPS BEING TRANSPORTED
TO EUROPE IN THE REFORGER 78 MOVEMENT.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DETAILS OF THE MANEUVER:

NAME OF THE MANEUVER: CERTAIN SHIELD

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: AN ALLIED FIELD TRAINING
-- MANEUVER COMBINING
-- DEFENSIVE AND COUNTER-

-- ATTACK OPERATIONS.

PURPOSE OF MANEUVER: THE EXERCISING OF IN-
-- COUNTRY AND REFORGER FORCES
-- IN RIVERCROSSING OPERA-
-- TIONS, AS WELL AS ARMORED-
-- MECHANIZED INFANTRY ACTIONS
-- IN VARYING DEFENSE, WITH-
-- DRAWAL AND COUNTERATTACK
-- OPERATIONS.

TIME OF THE MANEUVER: SEPTEMBER 18-28, 1978

MANEUVER AREA: FULDA GAP AREA, NORTHEAST
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UNITS PARTICIPATING: --V CORPS (US)
-- --PANZER BRIGADE (FEDERAL
-- REPUBLIC OF GERMANY)
-- --TASK FORCE DELTA (UK)
-- --CYCLISTE BATTALION
-- (BELGIUM)
-- --INFANTRY COMPANY
-- (LUXEMBOURG)

TOTAL NUMBER OF TROOPS
INVOLVED: APPROXIMATELY 56,000

OBSERVERS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MANEUVER BY
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

(B) (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PROVISIONS FOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS
SET OUT IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE, HAS THE HONOR
TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT OF OF THE MANEUVER
SAXON DRIVE IN WHICH U.S. FORCES WILL PARTICIPATE IN
ADDITION TO THOSE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
AND THE NETHERLANDS. THE MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE
IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 18-29, 1978.
A TOTAL OF 32,500 TROOPS WILL BE INVOLVED, INCLUDING
TWO U.S. BRIGADES.

DETAILS CONCERNING THE MANEUVER WILL BE CONTAINED IN
THE NETHERLANDS NOTIFICATION. INVITATIONS TO
OBSERVERS FOR THIS MANEUVER WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED BY
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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

(C) (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS FOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS SET OUT IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE, HAS THE HONOR TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE OF THE MANEUVER BLAUE DONAU IN WHICH U.S. FORCES WILL PARTICIPATE IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF CANADA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THE MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 17-21, 1978. A TOTAL OF 46,000 TROOPS WILL BE INVOLVED, INCLUDING ONE U.S. BRIGADE.

DETAILS CONCERNING THE MANEUVER WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE NOTIFICATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS FOR THIS MANEUVER WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). END TEXTS.

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